

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007, Applicant sincerely requests reconsideration in view of the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-20 were presented for examination. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are rejected. In response, claims 1-5, 8, 11, 15, 16, 19, and 20 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter and correct minor informalities. No new matter is added.

Interview Summary

A telephonic interview was held with the Examiner on December 27, 2007 where the Applicants' attorney confirmed that the suggested change in the Office Action would overcome the Yamaguchi reference and would be acceptable after final. The change, as explained below, has been incorporated in the claims by amendment.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12, 14-18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi et al. (US Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/00559382), hereinafter "Yamaguchi".

The Office Action indicates that the rejected claims would overcome the cited reference and be allowable if the term "text of the message" is modified to "text in the body of the message". Applicant has amended claims 1-5 and 8, where the amended claims recite "text in the body of the message". Furthermore, claims 11, 15, 16, 19, and 20 have been amended to recite "content in the body of the message." Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims are patentable over the cited reference as suggested by the Office Action. Claims 2, 4-6, 8, and 9 depend from amended claim 1 with additional features. Claims 12, 14-18, and 20 depend from amended claim 11 with additional features. Thus, claims 2, 4-6, 8-10, 12, 14-18, and 20 are allowable for at least the same reasons as for independent claims 1 and 11. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 3, 7, 13, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yamaguchi*. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 3, 7 and 13, 19 depend from amended independent claims 1 and 11, respectively, with additional features. As discussed above, claims 1 and 11 are patentable over *Yamaguchi* as admitted by the Office Action. Therefore, claims 3, 7, 13, and 19 are also allowable for at least the same reasons. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. This Response is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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